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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, EFIN, MOPS, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: FIVE POWER DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON REFORM

REF:(A) KINSHASA 6080;(B) KINSHASA 6083;(C) STATE 148155

- 1. DEPARTMENT APPROVES TEXT FOR JOINT DEMARCHE CITED REF A.
- 2. SINCE TEXT IS FAITHFUL RENDITION OF POINTS AGREED JUNE 5 IN PARIS (FYI PLUS VALUABLE ADDITIONAL POINT ON REORGANIZATION OF FAZ END FYI, CAST IN MORE DIPLOMATIC TERMINOLOGY, WE HOPE FRENCH, BRITISH AND GERMAN APPROVAL WILL SHORTLY BE FORTHCOMING.
- 3. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, BY INDICATIONS (INCLUDING SECRET

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REFS A AND B) THAT FRENCH ARE HANGING BACK DESPITE GEORGY'S (AND OTHER EUROPEAN) AGREEMENT, ALBEIT NON-ENTHUSIASTIC, THAT DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE BRUSSELS MEETING, ON JUNE 12 IF POSSIBLE. WE HOPE THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RETICENCE AND LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT REFLECT A WEAKENING OF RESOLVE IN

PARIS ON THE REFORMS, A SUBJECT WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER A SINE QUA NON FOR FURTHER USG ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE.

- 4. WHILE WE BELIEVE THE DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE IN TIME TO BE REFLECTED IN GOZ'S POSITION AT BRUSSELS, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT THE FIVE PRESENT A UNITED, COMMON FRONT TO MOBUTU LEST HE PERCEIVE RIFTS AMONG US WHICH HE WOULD INEVITABLY ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT. IN ANY EVENT, HOWEVER, MOBUTU HAS MADE HIMSELF INACCESSIBLE (REF B) FOR A DEMARCHE IN NEAR TERM. WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, NOW CONCENTRATE ON ASSURING THAT THE FIVE ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS WITH A FULLY CONCERTED VIEW AND AN AGREED TEXT, PER REF A.
- 5. WE ARE EXPLORING ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS TO THE DEMARCHE PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT APPROACH TO BISENGIMANA IN BRUSSELS PRIOR TO OR EARLY DURING THE BRUSSELS MEETING, MAKING CLEAR, AS THE BRITISH AND OTHERS HAVE SUGGESTED, THAT AID WILL BE TIED TO REFORM. WE ALSO HAVE EXAMINED EMBASSY KINSHASA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE DEMARCHE BE MADE, FROM A COMMON TEXT, BY RANKING OFFICIALS OF EACH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS TO THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE SINCE IT WOULD RESULT IN WIDE DISSEMINATION IN THE GOZ OF WHAT WE ALL AGREE SHOULD BE A VERY PRIVATE UNDERTAKING. (AN APPROACH TO BISENGIMANA SECRET

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WOULD NOT HAVE THIS FLAW.)

- 6. ACTION REQUESTED. PARIS, LONDON AND BONN ARE ASKED TO PUSH FRENCH FOR PROMPT AGREEMENT OF APPROVED TEXT, AND TO SOUND OUT GOF ON ITS VIEWS AS TO HOW AND WHEN TEXT MIGHT BE BROUGHT INTO PLAY IF MOBUTU CONTINUES TO ABSENT HIMSELF EN BROUSSE. REPLIES SHOULD BE REPEATED TO BRUSSELS FOR USDEL.
- 7. PARA 2. REF C. STILL APPLIES. VANCE

NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S-O, KENNEDY,6/11/78

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